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## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

In the Star is the following: "He Missed the Experience." (W. R. Castle Interview.) "Cholera has appeared at Honolulu?" "Yes, unfortunately it did not appear until after I had left." That is just what the people say, W. R., in this point the agree with you.

If the Insane Asylum had been a private family—especially without influence or friends—it would no doubt have been yanked down bodily in the ambulance to the Cholera hospital and quarantined. But no restrictions have even been put on the inmates or guards from mingling with other healthy people in other parts of the town. We pay about a quarter of a million every two years for the expenses of our Health Board, and so far everything that has happened to endanger the community's safety has come from that source or by its agent's carelessness. Who is responsible for a man who doesn't leave the precincts of the Asylum yard, being able to drink water contaminated with contagious matter?

The first sentence evidently is the beginning of an attack on the vesper diurnally furnishers of mental pabulum to our long suffering community. The two latter sentences are evidently the concluding fragments of a diatribe he was writing for THE INDEPENDENT to publish, giving his opinion of Minister W. R. Castle. The first is rot. The second as regards to WILLIAM REDHAIR CASTLE is quite correct.

From a report in the Bulletin of yesterday referring to a recent burglary, we excerpt the following: "Barefoot prints were seen this morning on the steps leading to the verandah and from the impression and shape they were evidently those of a Chinese." The discoverer of nationality from barefoot prints has a world wide future before him. Detective offices from all over the world will pay him heavily if he can only distinguish the nationality from booted foot prints. Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes never in his wildest flights of imagination reached to such deductions as these. But this morning out comes the Advertiser, and not to be out done in detective work, it says: "In all the places were

traced footprints of the thief, which seemed to be those of a Japanese. They were small and quite well shaped." We now suggest, in our turn, that either the filibusters, the police, or our two contemporaries' reporters have made the tracks. We incline to the latter, from the Advertiser's assertion that they are "small and quite well shaped." It seems to us that description fits.

Commenting on New York politics the Star is displeased because the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst doesn't consider Republican leader Platt any better—if not worse—than Democratic leader Croker. It says the reverend reformer is hard to suit. True, oh king! He will be, too, until party affiliations and party titles succumb to honesty and work for public good, without regard to friendship or political stripes.

The Postmaster-General is not living in clover at present. Notices of mails arriving and mails going are as frequent as a letter from the President of the Board of Health. Whenever the agents of vessels will find out when, how and where their vessels are going the P. M. G. will be ready and even anxious to attend to the demands of the long-suffering community.

The Star wants Marsden's microbes fence on Nuuanu stream to be run down the middle of the stream. Well, we shall have the usual percentage of crank schemes for improving on nature. And the usual result, which will strike the community in the back of the neck, as the wharf improvements have done to Nuuanu stream at present. And whether it is cholera next time or something else, then someone will arise on his hind legs and waving his asinine aural appendages in the breeze will say, "I told you so. Let us do it this other way."

All the newspapers, all the Hawaiians, even the majority of the volunteer inspectors and sub-inspectors, are agreed that the total prohibition of the sale and use of fish and sea products should be modified. Let the spots declared free from infection from Puuhia past Ewa district northward, round Wai-anae, Waiatus, Koolaula, Koolau-poko, and Kona to Diamond Head be allowed as free fishing places under suitable regulations. Let the catch be permitted to be imported to Honolulu and sold by duly licensed vendors. Thus employment will be given, the healthful food supply added to, the normal conditions approximately regained, and general benefit result.

We have had taro and rice fields destroyed because of the supposed contamination of the water. But ne'er a one has ever shown that the water was or is contaminated to even the extent of communicating any disease. The Advertiser to-day advocates the use of pure water as a cure for cholera. Can any one say in the cases of destruction referred to that the water is impure? It is time to call a halt on foolish panic even when the diplomaed ignoramus who control our fate on health lines lose the little mother wit they may even be supposed to have possessed. Before any more destruction goes on let us have analytical proof of the deadliness of the contaminated fluid why waste money through foolish and ignorant men?

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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ED. THE INDEPENDENT:—

During the late epidemic an article appeared in regard to poisoned crabs from the pen of Mrs. Emma Nakuina, a most skilful authority on the subject. At the time I did not consider it proper to enter into a newspaper controversy or to criticize her undoubtedly well-meant theories. Now, when the epidemic is at least checked, I think it only just to show the errors into which that estimable writer to the Advertiser has fallen.

Mrs. Nakuina, states in the first paragraphs that she offers the theory in addition to the different speculations indulged in by many as to how or why cholera has been spread so rapidly among the native population. I take as a starting point that the Chinaman, who died at the quarantine station, died of cholera. If the practices of former times in regard to the burial of bodies of quarantined persons was carried out in their cases, that is, the bodies were buried without coffins, those bodies at once became an attraction for all the crabs and sand eels within a radius of half a mile or more, etc.

The first time that Mauiola (the present quarantine station) was used for that purpose was 1868 when the steamer Idaho arrived from San Francisco with a case of black smallpox on board. I superintended the building of a small house on the island and had a prominent part in all of the epidemics up to 1892, and I know that all persons buried there were buried in coffins, and I have no doubt, but the present Board of Health has continued to bury their dead in coffins, therefore, Mrs. Nakuina's theory that the crabs and sand eels fed on the dead bodies of the Chinese from the S. S. Belgic, and deceased, of our people must fall to the ground, but I believe that, crabs, eels, mussels and all other fish taken in the harbor and at Iwilei are unfit for food for the following reasons, viz: First, the Nuuanu stream is fitzy (from Wai-kahala bridge to the sea, for there were duck ranches, water closets, wash houses, and the fish from them went into the harbor and remained there.

Before the railway was built out into the harbor, most of the water and filth from Nuuanu creek passed outside of Koholaloa and finally out to sea, now that the water from the Nuuanu stream has been diverted there is no current to carry off the filth from Iwilei fishery, therefore the fish and crabs caught there must be unfit for use. We must bear in mind that the tides here do not come directly in from the sea, but it comes down the coast. The late Capt. Smith stated to me that it was high tide at Waikiki one hour before it was high tide in Honolulu. Formerly when the tide was ebbing there was a strong current outside of the slaughter houses at Koholaloa, which carried off the filth from the ponds, hog pens, duck ranches, etc., at Iwilei.

The same argument will apply to the harbor, and the outlet of the Nuuanu stream, for the railway embankment and dock diverts the current of Nuuanu stream directly into the harbor, and naturally makes an eddy at Iwilei flat.

KAMAAINA.

ED. THE INDEPENDENT:—

You did not, in your criticism of Mr. Minister Castle and his Boston talk yesterday, touch on the reference he makes to the Bishop of Honolulu. We deem it unfortunate for the Castle brigade that anyone of the crowd should ever dare to tackle his ordership of Honolulu, because they, the brigade of Castles, instead of being builded on a rock as most castles are, will be liable to find themselves under the rock, and not on it. In the Litany of the Anglican Church, the grandest and most beautiful prayer which has ever been given to any language, occur these words, "From all sedition,

privity conspiracy and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism, Good Lord, deliver us," and probably had Mr. Minister Castle studied this a little he would not have made such an unlucky position for himself as the one he now occupies. It has been well said, save us from our friends" and the republic, —or whatever it is called—of Hawaii does seem unfortunate in selecting its friends. It was predicted by those able to know, that at the time Castle's appointment was under discussion he would make an ass of himself, but star chamber proceedings prevailed, and the man went—where to? Well, never mind! (Boston, probably.) But, to the prayer "privity conspiracy and rebellion," that has been stomachied; but how about the "schism"—is the man crazy? Did he ever read Webster, Johnson, or Worcester? What does a man of free-thinking notions like Castle know about "schism?" To us it is past comprehension why lies should be resorted to, to bolster up a losing game by men who know, or ought to know, they are deliberately lying. Mr. Castle was here in a prominent position in 1885, when it was considered for the good of the Anglican Church, to form two congregations. He could, had he have chosen, known the reasons why. And now, ten years later to pervert this knowledge to an opposite sense is too despicable. Bah, such men give one that tired feeling.

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## Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Sept. 20, 1895.

All over the world at present questions of hygiene are the main issues of the day. While the learned scientists of Europe are devoting their time and skill to find remedies which can destroy the disease breeding germs, the diseases go on and cholera, diphtheria and typhoid ravage cities and countries.

Whenever a disease becomes epidemic it is because the germ found conditions which suited it and in which it felt at home and ready for business. The sanitary conditions of the town and of the home becomes of vital importance. Honolulu is having a taste of a cholera epidemic and it behooves everybody to do his best in placing every home in the best sanitary condition possible.

When the general house-cleaning which will take place next Monday is over, many house-keepers will find some household furniture which needs renewal and others missing both as to utility and convenience.

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